

## Incorporating Vermont PBS Into Your Classroom

**Program:** *Elinor Wonders Why*

**Grade(s):** PreK-K

**Ways to watch:** 24/7 streaming, PBS kids, PBS live broadcast

**About:** *Elinor Wonders Why* centers around Elinor and her friends Ari, a funny and imaginative bat, and Olive, a perceptive and warm elephant. As kids explore Animal Town, they will meet all kinds of interesting, funny, and quirky characters, each with something to teach us about respecting others, the importance of diversity, caring for the environment, and working together to solve problems. In each episode, Elinor models the foundational practices of science inquiry and engineering design -- including her amazing powers of observation and willingness to ask questions and investigate. When she encounters something she doesn't understand, like why birds have feathers or how tiny ants build massive anthills, she just can't let it go until she figures it out. And in discovering the answers, Elinor often learns something about nature's ingenious inventions and how they can connect to ideas in our designed world, and what it takes to live in a community. *Elinor Wonders Why* encourages children and parents to ask their own questions and experience the joy of discovery and understanding together.

**Primary Connection to the [Vermont Early Learning Standards](#) (VELS)**

### III. Learning About the World: Science

<i>Element</i>	<i>Goal</i>
4. <i>Engineering and Design</i>	1. Children design, experiment, construct, alter, and problem solve to modify the natural world and meet their needs and wants.

### III. Learning About the World Social Studies

<i>Element</i>	<i>Goal</i>
1. <i>Inquiry</i>	1. Children make sense of the world around them by actively gathering and interpreting information.

**Additional VELS' Sections and Domains to Explore with *Elinor Wonders Why*:**

#### I. Developing Self: Approaches to Learning; Social and Emotional Learning and Development

**Resources:** Use the following carefully curated resources to support teaching social and emotional skills and more with *Elinor Wonders Why*.

**For Educators:**

- [PBS Learning Media](#)
- [COVID Related](#)
- [AOE Continuity of Learning](#)

**For Families:**

- [PBS Parents](#)
- [PBS Kids](#)

**You may also be interested in these PBS programs:**

1. [Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood](#)
2. [Clifford the Big Red Dog](#)
3. [PEEP and the Big Wide World](#)